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SUBJ: ARAB TERRORIST ATTACK IN BET SHEAN

REF: USDAO 190700Z NOV AND 190745Z NOV

1. DEPARTMENT AND USUN HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF BET SHEAN TERRORIST ATTACK BY REFTELS. LATEST INFORMATION IS THAT FOUR ARAB TERRORISTS WERE KILLED BY IDF FORCES MORNING OF NOV 19 AFTER OCCUPYING APARTMENT BUILDING IN BET SHEAN. IN COURSE OF INCIDENT, THREE ISRAELI CIVILIANS WERE KILLED AND 23 INJURED, SOME OF LATTER BY JUMPING FROM UPPER-STORY WINDOW. (BET SHEAN IS WITHIN PRE-1967 ISRAEL, IN JORDAN VALLEY ABOUT 12 MILES SOUTH OF SEA OF GALILEE).

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2. TERRORISTS APPARENTLY ENTERED BUILDING AROUND 0500

BUT PRESENCE NOT REALIZED BY RESIDENTS UNTIL HOUR LATER.
IDF STORND BUILDING SHORTLY AFTER 0800.

3. IDF HAS RELEASED NO FURTHER DETAILS. POLITICAL AFFILIATION
OF TERRORISTS AND PLACE OF ORIGIN REMAINS UNCERTAIN, ALTHOUGH
VOICE OF PALESTINE (FBIS 191015NOV) HAS CARRIED STATEMENT BY
GROUP IDENTIFYING ITSELF AS "PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION FORCES'
GENERAL COMMAND" CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR INCIDENT.

4. COMMENT: SPEED WITH WHICH IDF REACTED AND ATTACKED
BUILDING IS DEPARTURE FROM PAST PRACTICE AND MAY REFLECT CHANGE
IN ANTI-TERRORIST TACTICS. GOI HAD BEEN CRITICIZED IN SOME
CIRCLES FOR DAY-LONG ATTEMPT TO DEAL WITH GROUP AT MAALOT
LAST SPRING.
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